

*Appl. No. 09/724,755*  
*Response to Office Action of Sept. 16, 2005*

Case No. 4448D1

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Serial No.: 09/724,755	)	Confirmation Number: 8421
Filed: November 28, 2000	)	
For: <b>METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING COUPLED LIGATION AND AMPLIFICATION</b>	)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION under 37 C.F.R. 1.8</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. 571.273.8300).</p> <p>Date of Transmission: <u>March 15, 2006</u></p> <p>Signature: <u>Damajew</u></p> <p>Name of Transmitting Party: Deborah A. Mojarrro</p>

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2005, ("the Action"). The period to respond has been extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Recognizing that the present response is made after FINAL rejection, applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**

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